(b) whether any settlement has been reached in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Memorandum of Settlement reached between the manage ment of Air India and the employees' Umon/lAssociaitons|Guilds envisage pay ment of interim relief ranging from Rs. 280|- to Rs. 1240|- with effect from 1.-9-98. The amount of interim relief is treated as basic pay for the purpose of House Rent Allowance, City Compensatory Allowance and Provident Fund Con-tritmtfan and will be adjusted against the final wage settlement/award of the National Industrial Tribunal.

Officers of Air India under suspension

6883. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIAIION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how many employees of Air India belonging to officers and executive categories are under suspension, as on date;

(b) the names and details thereof; and

(c) whether the laid down procedure is being followed in each case?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIA TION AND TOURISM (SHRI) GHU LAM NABI AZAD); (a) and (b) lac following officers of Air India are under suspension:—

Name	Designation	Date from which suspended
1. Shri D.D. Pastakia	Inflight Supervisor	28-10-88
2. Shri R.B. Singh	Security Officer	17-11-87
3. Shri F.B. Ingre	Security Officer	3-2-94
4. Shri A. Triadade	Security Officer	25-2-94
5. Shri J.A. Sidhwa	Dy. Director of Finance	30-10-92
6. Shri K. Raghunathan	Financial Controller	30-12-92

(c) Yes Sir

Procurement of 29-Seater Aircraft

6834. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMB-HAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been considering to procure smaller, 29-seater or other small aircraft, for the feeder and other routes with thin traffic, especially to replace the outdated aircraft of the Vayudoot;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and with which frinas and for what specific type and model of air craft negotiations are on; and

(c) with what results, so far?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIA-TION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHU-LAM NABI AZAD): (a) At present there is no proposal for purchasing any small aircraft for Vayudoot.

(b) and (c) De not arise.